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MAYS HOUSE

HEREFORD

PRIVATE

This house seems to be a replacement of one of the first generation of town houses. The lot changed hands in 1897 for \$325, when the ground itself would have been worth about \$50. Arthur Arnold who kept the adjoining county store was the purchaser in 1897. John G. Mays was the next owner, taking title in 1898. Between 1911 and 1918 the assessment had jumped from \$400 to \$869, and the house had apparently been enlarged. The 1915 State business directory listed Mays as a huckster.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC MAYS HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

Mays House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

17,005 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Hereford

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Grant M. Mays

Telephone #: 357-5535

STREET &amp; NUMBER

17,005 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Monkton

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21111

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: TBS 1818

Folio #: 419

STREET &amp; NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE NONE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Mays house is a small, two-story, plus attic, vernacular style duplex house, set close to the road and close to the ground. There is a full-width, shed-roofed front porch, the roof supported by wrought-iron columns topped by iron scroll brackets—fairly recent improvements. The porch deck is concrete, flush with the sidewalk. The house is five bays wide at first-story level, with its two doors located in bays two and four counting from either end. The doors contain large glass lights and are also protected by contemporary glass and metal storm doors. The windows at this level are 6-over-6 double-hung sash types with louvered shutters. The four windows at second-story level are irregularly spaced and three of them are 6-over-6 types, but the window directly above the southernmost front door is abnormally large in comparison to the others, with 1-over-1 lights.

The shed and gable roofing is covered with black asphalt material. The centrally located chimney is of white brick, a contemporary replacement, rectangular in cross-section, rising between halves of the house, emerging through the roof ridge. End rafters of the gable roof overhang only slightly.

The south end of the house is three bays deep. One bay is under the gable peak of the main block. The other two bays are in a flat-roofed rear wing.

The first bay contains a single, 1-over-1 window at first-story level, none at the second, and a casement window of six lights at attic level; both windows have louvered shutters—shutters being somewhat unusual in attics. The two rear bays contain a side door sheltered by a hood supported by brackets—that in the middle bay; the other three positions for fenestration are fitted with 1-over-1 sash windows, also with shutters. The side door is paneled, reached by field-stone steps.

The north end of the house is practically blank, with only one 6-over-6 window at first-story level (with louvered shutters) and a square window of four panes at the gable peak.

The house is covered with a grey asphalt or rubber siding material printed in a pattern of long, narrow bricks.

The foundation becomes visible toward the rear of the house. This structure has enjoyed a considerable amount of repairs which make it bright in appearance and very livable, but it has lost the look of a frame house of a country town.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	__ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__ COMMUNITY PLANNING	__ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__ RELIGION	
__ 1400-1499	__ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__ CONSERVATION	__ LAW	__ SCIENCE	
__ 1500-1599	__ AGRICULTURE	__ ECONOMICS	__ LITERATURE	__ SCULPTURE	
__ 1600-1699	__ ARCHITECTURE	__ EDUCATION	__ MILITARY	__ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
__ 1700-1799	__ ART	__ ENGINEERING	__ MUSIC	__ THEATER	
X 1800-1899	__ COMMERCE	__ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__ PHILOSOPHY	__ TRANSPORTATION	
__ 1900-	__ COMMUNICATIONS	__ INDUSTRY	__ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__ OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		__ INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1877-1897

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The present Mays house was once part of the same parcel that includes the delicatessen structure to the south, but all evidence suggests that the old general store structure was put up during the ownership of Daniel Yost, probably between 1873 and 1886. But tax lists and sale notices prove that there was only one large domestic building on the tract and it doubled as Missinger's Tavern; the tavern is known to have been demolished in the 20th Century. At the time of the 1896 Tax Series, Mrs. Mary H. Batchelor of Hereford owned a frame store building and a "Log Dwelling" that only reached \$50 in assessed value. (1) Some twenty years earlier, the house and lot had been rated at \$550. (2)

Clearly, the present structure is a replacement that could easily be mistaken for one of the cluster of house symbols on the maps of 1850 and 1877.

In 1897, Mary H. Batchelor and her husband, William L. Batchelor, sold the present house parcel, some 97 square perches, to Arthur Arnold; they were the keepers of the store and held the store lot for another year. (3, 4) The property changed hands for \$325 at the 1897 sale and for \$390, when Arthur Arnold and wife sold to John G. Mays. (5)

The house was assessed at \$400 in 1911 and, in 1918, at \$869, so that it had apparently grown considerably when owned by the Mays family. The dimensions given in 1918 were:

Dwelling	22 x 38	2 stories	\$869
1 Out bldg			25. (6, 7).

The 1915 Polk State directory showed J. Grant Mays as a "huckster," and the tax list showed that he owned two horses. (8) In 1950, John G. Mays and wife, Lula A., deeded to Grant M. Mays with the proviso that they would receive life care, clothing, and medical attention. (9) This is apparently a late replacement structure for one of the building blocks of the original town core, but it fills out the streetscape, which in Hereford is beginning to suffer gaps from lost buildings.

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NOTES:

1. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1896, entry #76-15.
2. Assessor's Field Book, District 7, 19 1876, n.p.
3. Baltimore County Deeds, LMB 226:164.
4. Baltimore County Deeds, NBM 232:159.
5. Baltimore County Deeds, WPC 300:86.
6. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1911, f. 627.
7. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 671.
8. R. L. Polk, Maryland State Gazette and Business Directory  
(Baltimore, 1915), p. 1034.
9. B.C. Deeds, TBS 1818:419.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Baltimore County Deeds and Tax Ledgers.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.60

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Rectangular lot fronting 132.5 feet on eastside of York Road with even depth of 200 feet (Map 22, p. 217).

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE	NONE	COUNTY	NONE
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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	
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ORGANIZATION	DATE
Office of Planning and Zoning	March 27, 1980
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
401 Bosley Avenue	494-3495
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Towson	Maryland 21204

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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YORK, PA. 24 MI.  
PARKTON 1.2 MI.

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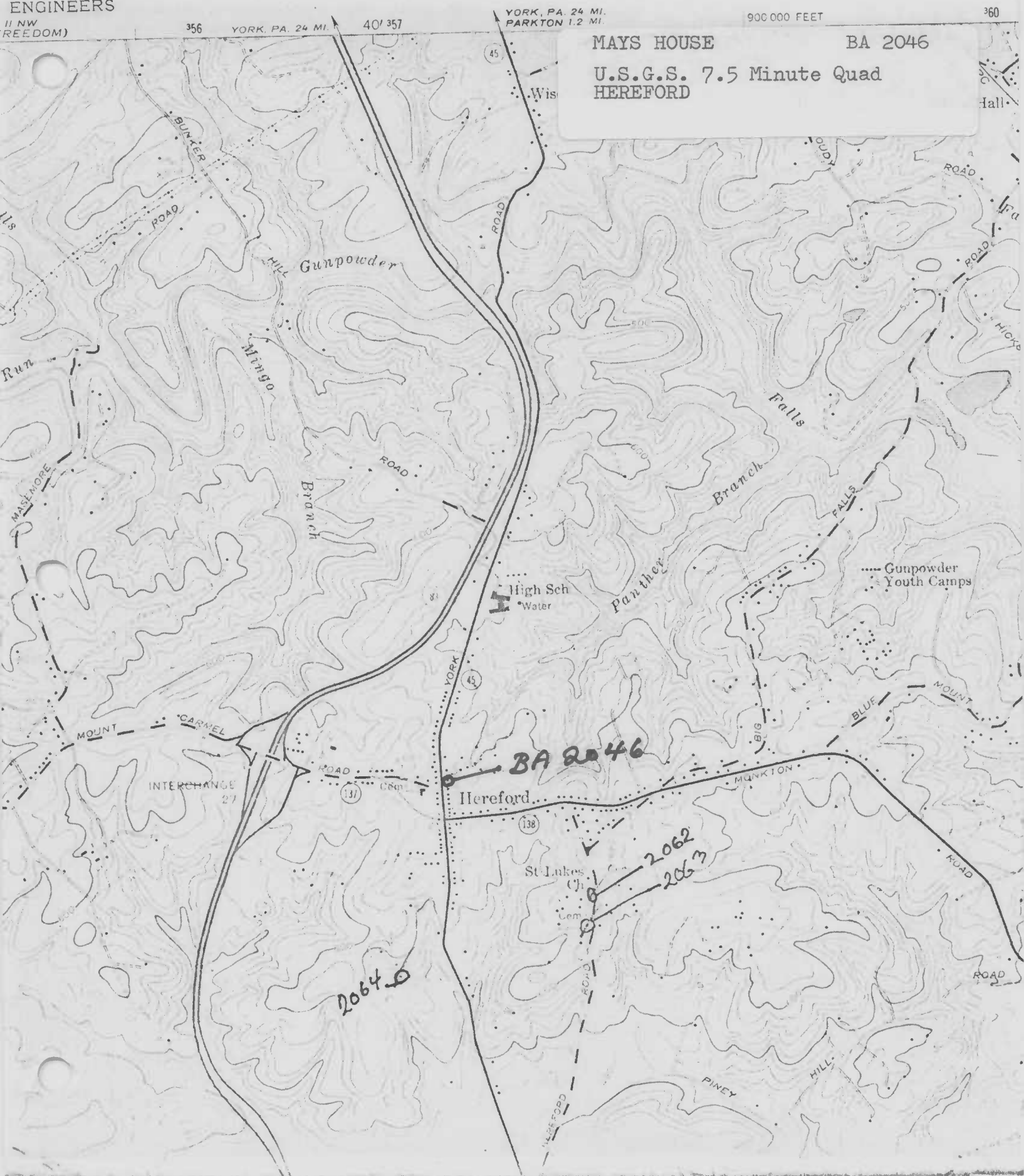
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U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Quad  
HEREFORD

Hall







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Baltimore County, Maryland

J. McGrain, OCT 1979

Neg. located at MHT

Main (W) & south facades fr. SW



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Neg. located at MHT  
South facade from south